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The manner of Drawing up and forming Battalions, the Poſts of the Officers in Line, and march, with Directions for Orders of Battle, and various ways of Firing on divers Forms; alſo Directions for paſſing Bridges, or Defiles with other uſefull Obſervations.

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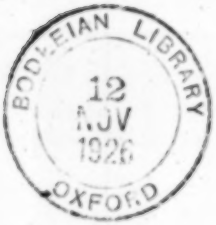
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To the Right Honourable *William* Earl of *Bedford*, Lord *Russel*, and Lord *Russel* of *Thornhaugh*, Lord Leiutenant of *Middlesex*, Knight Companion of the most noble Order of the Garter, and one of their Majesties most Honourable Privy Council.

My Lord,

IN this Happy Reign where Honour is the Reward of Vertue, if the Greatness of the Trust can recommend the Merit that holds it,

poſſibly a fairer Poſt is not poſſeſs'd than your Lordſhips in the Leiutenancy of *Middleſex.*

Their preſent Majeſties, therefore (whom God preſerve) having placed your Lordſhip Lord Leiutenant of the aforeſaid County, a Perſon deſcended from an Honourable and Ancient Family, indowed with ſuch Heroick Engliſh Courage, that feared not with Extremity of Danger to withſtand the Fury of Domeſtick Enemies to our Religion and Liberties, but have alſo bravely oppoſed the proud Inſolence of thoſe whoſe Minds where filled with Envy, as their Sails where with Wind; hoping to reduce

duce the Freedom we enjoy to the Tyrannical Slavery they Poſſeſs.

Thoſe excellent Vertues which continually flow from your Lordſhip, together with the Honours and Favours your Lordſhip has conferred on me, Embolden'd me humbly to preſent your Lordſhip, with ſome Conſiderations for the Service of the Militia, by which I have endeavoured to ſtate a Form of Exerciſe which is now Publiſhed, and I hope will contribute to the effect for which it is deſigned, *viz.* to make the Militia (ſo great a part of which is under your Lordſhips Com-

mand) more ſerviceable to the Kingdom. I am,

My Lord,

Your Lordſhips moſt Obedient

and Humble Servant,

JOHN DARKER.

TO

TO THE READER.

Especially to those Gentlemen that are lovers of that Noble Science, the Art Military.

Fellow Soldiers,

AS *neither Ambition on the one hand, nor Self-interest on the other, but a General advantage, hath induced me to publish this Treatise; so I must expect the usual Fate that commonly happens to those that appear publick in this Nature, to be censured by Men of different Humors.*

As the old English *Proverb saith.* The Angry Man speaks well of nothing, so the Ambitious is for Muddying all Waters wherein he doth not Angle. *While the Critick is ad-*

miring himself for raising Structures out of the Chimera of his one Brain, that the Unskillful may applaud his pretended Rhetorick.

But the Ingenious as they are Capable to distinguish betwixt Error in Judgment, knowing there are different ways of Expressing some words of Command which direct to the same end, so they will pass a favourable Construction on such things as do not altogether suit their own Genius, encouraging all publick Undertakings that are intended for a publick Good.

Though I was not willing to swell into a large Volume, yet the Ingenious Reader with good Observation, may find as much contained (though briefly) in this small Tract, as have been in larger Volumes of this Nature.

It is a general Maxim amongst Soldiers, that Discipline animates Courage, in both which the English *have been Famous.*

That the true Courage of English Men is applauded through the Universe, is undeniable by

several

ſeveral Demonſtrations in all Ages; the glorious Enterprizes of moſt of our Nobility and Gentry, being not only famed on Record, but bearing as a ſignal Honour the Remarks thereof in Shields of Arms.

Theſe latter years have produced as Honourable Actions, being influenced by the Heroick Example of his preſent Majeſty King William, *whoſe head may providence ever Crown with Lawrels.*

That a general form of Exerciſe in an Army has been thought very neceſſary, appears by the ſeveral Books ſet forth on that Accompt; which Books differing from each other, the alterations are eaſily attained to by well diſciplined Forces under conſtant Exerciſe.

The Militia of England, *for whoſe uſe this Tract is deſigned, not having ſuch frequent Exerciſe, cannot admit of ſuch Alterations.*

It hath been obſerved (that though in the ſame Regiment) the Officers have exerciſed various

various ways, the inconveniency of which will appear (though too late) when they are drawn into a formidable Body for Exerciſe or Service.

To prevent which out of my own Inclination for the publick Benefit, and at the Requeſt of ſeveral worthy Gentlemen; I have with as much Brevity as may be, compoſed this following Treatiſe for the uſe aforeſaid, wherein any Alterations (which are very few) are made contrary to the uſual Methods; it is not done to make the Exerciſe leſs ſerviceable, but the better to ſuit the genius of the Perſons for whom it is deſigned.

Obſervations on a Soldier's Profeſſion and Duty.

A Soldier's Profeſſion as it is warrantable by the word of God, ſo it is Famous and Honourable among Men; Emperors and Kings have accounted that Profeſſion a great Honour under God. It rules or over-rules the greateſt part of the World.

It is allowed that warlike Diſcipline and good Fortune were the Raiſers of the Roman Empire, and it is not length of Life or number of Years, that teacheth the Art of War, but continual Diſcipline and Meditation of Arms, with Study and Labour therein, for upon this Foundation is grounded the form of perfect skill.

Unjuſt Wars are unwarrantable in them that create them, yet to defend your juſt Poſſeſſions, or recover them being loſt, your Laws, Liberties or Religion being in imminent Danger, go on and proſper. He

He that uſeth that Profeſſion, Honour muſt be his greateſt Wages, and his Enemies his ſureſt Pay-maſters.

Emulation of Honour, and hopes of Licence to do Evil, makes Men deſirous of this Profeſſion; as the Aims of the firſt are Vertuous, ſo will their ſervice be good; the others by ſtrict Diſcipline may be brought to good, which if neglected may prove the ruin of an Army.

Let a Soldiers courage be never ſo great, even in the day of Battle, yet if he cannot endure the tediouſneſs that attends warlike Deſigns, he is not fit for Enterprize.

The two chief parts of a Soldier being Valour and Sufferance; it is as great Honour to ſuffer want Patiently, as to fight Courageouſly; the Atchievement may be equally eſteemed, becauſe many Men will more willingly look Death in the Face than endure hardſhip with Patience.

The Virtue of Obedience in a Soldier is the greateſt thing wherein the force of Diſcipline conſiſteth.

Let

Let a Soldier with extremity of Valour oppoſe imminent Danger, and overcome Fury with a high Reſolution.

Let him eſteem Honour, and the Publick Good above his own Safety, fearing nothing but God and Diſhonour, Arming himſelf with Hope and Courage, for Providence lyeth through Crooked ways, and the fainting heart is the forerunner of future Misfortunes.

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When a Battalion is to be formed, the Major, Adjutant, or who is appointed to perform the ſame, after Silence is Commanded, proceeds thus:

Muſquetteers, face to the Flanks.

Pikes, face to the Center.

Interchange Ground. March.

At which words the Muſquetteers on the flanks are to ſtand, the reſt to March interchanging Ground, that the Muſquetteers may be on the Flanks and the Pikes in the Center, the Pikes always Paſſing towards the Front of the ſame ranks they ranged with, and having performed the Motion, they ſtand in, then

Command.

To your Leader.

Reduction.

Command.

Muſquetteers, face to the Center.

Pikes, face to the Flanks.

Interchange Ground. March.

At which word the Muſquetteers on the Flanks are to ſtand, the others, both Muſquetters and Pikes, are to Interchange Ground as before, and poſſeſs their former places.

Command.

To your Leader.

Note. The Officers and Colours are to move as their Soldiers move.

A BREVIARY OF DISCIPLINE,

Compos'd for the Uſe of the

MILITIA.

THE manner of forming Regiments, or Battalions, and the placing Officers, with general Obſervations thereof, are explained at large in the latter part of this Book.

Militia Companies being large, it will be better to Exerciſe by Companies, than by Battalions; becauſe, the Officers may better inſpect the performance.

I ſhall therefore in the following Method of Military Diſcipline, treat of Companies. The ſame Exerciſe is to be Practiſed by Battalions.

The drawing up of a Foot-Company is ſo generally known, that it will be time miſpent to Treat thereof.

The Company being drawn up, great care muſt be taken by the Serjeants to make the Ranks and Files even; and in all Exerciſe, eſpecially, at the concluſion of every Motion, well to obſerve the ſame.

The Soldiers muſt ſtand with a ſtraight Body, their Heads upright, their Feet at a ſmall pace diſtant from each other, their Heels in a ſtraight line, their Toes turned a little outwards with a lively Motion, and with their Eyes and Ears well obſerving the Commander, that they may perform their Exerciſe in time and manner gracefully.

After each word of Command is given, let the Soldiers ſtop ſo long as a leaſurely Step may be taken; by this means, they will be more capable of performing together, which muſt be well obſerved throughout the Exerciſe.

In all Exerciſe, let no Soldier move from his Place, untill the laſt word of Command is fully delivered, then perform it exactly.

The ſeveral words of Command following, being placed Succeſſively, are only named firſt; and afterwards explained at large how each Command is to be performed.

The Commanding Officer being at the Head of the Company, the other Officers being placed as ſhall be thought fit to be moſt uſeful to ſee the Exerciſe

Exerciſe beſt performed, the Soldiers having their Arms at Order.

After Silence is Commanded, which muſt be well obſerved,

Command,

Soldiers, take care of your Exerciſe, and carry your Arms well, keeping due time.

Command.

Advance your Pikes.
Poiſe your Muſquets.
Shoulder your Muſquets.

Next proceed to Facings.

Command.

Face to the right	four times.
Face to the right about	as you were.
Face to the left	four times.
Face to the left about	as you were.
Face to the Flanks	as you were
Face to the midſt of Files	as you were

Proceed to Diſtance.

Command.

Files cloſe to the Right to cloſe Order March.
Ranks cloſe to the Front to cloſe Order March.
Ranks open from the Rear to Order March.
Files open from the Right to Order March.
Ranks open from the Front to open Ord. March.
Files open from the Left to open Order March.
Files cloſe to the midſt of Files to Order March.
Ranks cloſe to the Front to Order March.
Order your Pikes.

The Exerciſe of the Muſquet.

Muſquetteers take care of your Exerciſe. At which word, the Muſqueteers are to pull off their right hand Gloves and tuck them in their Belts.

Command.

Muſquetteers, Lay your right hands on your Muſquets.

Poiſe your Muſquets	Reſt your Muſquets.
Cock your Muſquets	Guard your Muſquets.
Preſent Fire	Recover your Arms.
Half cock your Muſquets	Clean your Pans.
Handle your Primers	Level and Prime.
Shut your Pans	Blow your Pans.
Caſt about to Charge	Handle your Chargers Uncap

Uncap your Chargers	Charge with Powder.
Load with Balls	Place your Wads.
Draw your Rammers	Hold them up
Shorten 'gainſt your Waſts	Place them in your Barrels.
Ram down your Charges	Withdraw your Rammers.
Hold them up	Shorten againſt your Waſts
Return your Rammers	Poyſe your Muſquets
Order your Muſquets.	

The Exerciſe of the Pikes.

Command.

Pikemen take care	Advance your Pikes.
To the Front	Charge.
To the Right	Charge four times.
To the Right about	Charge.
As you were	Charge.
To the Left	Charge four times.
To the Left about	Charge
As you were	Charge

Advance your Pikes

Shoulder Port Comport

Charge to the Front

Trayl Charge Advance Order your Pikes

The Exerciſe of the Pikes and Muſquets together.

Advance your Pikes	Poiſe your Muſquets
Soulder your Muſquets	Make all ready.
To the Front	Charge.
To the Right	Charge four times.
To the Right about	Charge
As you were	Charge
To the Left	Charge four times.
To the Left about	Charge.
As you were	Charge.
Advance your Pikes	Half cock your Muſquets
Poiſe your Muſquets	Order your Arms.
Pikes to your Inſide Order	
Lay down your Arms	Quit your Arms
To the Right about	March.
To your Leader	Draw your Swords.
Return to your Arms	Return your Swords
Handle your Arms	Recover your Arms.
Pikes to your outſide Order.	
Advance your Pikes	Poiſe your Muſquets.
Shoulder your Muſquets.	

Proceed to Doublings.

Command.

Files, open from the left to open Order. March.
Ranks, to the right hand double to the Front. March.
Ranks, as you were. March. Ranks,

Ranks, to the left hand Double to the Front. March.
Ranks, as you were. March.
Files, close to the left to Order. March.
Ranks, open from the Front to open Ord. March.
Files, to the right hand Double. March.
Files, as you were. March.
Files, to the left hand Double. March.
Files, as you were. March.
Files, open from the Right to open Ord. March.
Ranks, close to the front to Order. March.
Rear half files, to the right hand Double the Front. March.
Rear half files, as you were. March.
Rear half files, to the left hand Double the Front. March.
Rear half files, as you were. March
Files, close to the Right to Order. March.

Rear half files, double the Front upon the Right entire.
Rear half files, face to the Right
March clear. Halt. To your Leader.
Make good the Front. March.

Rear half files, that doubled to the Right about,
March clear. Halt. To the Right.
Make good your Rear. March. To your Leader.

Rear half files, double the Front upon the left entire.
Rear half files, face to the left. March clear.

Halt. To your Leader.
Make good your Front. March.
Rear half files, that doubled to the left about,
March clear. Halt. To the left,
Make good the Rear. March. To your Leader.

Rear half files, double the front by Diviſion.
Rear half files, face to the Flanks. March clear.
Halt. To your Leader. Make good the Front.
March.

Rear half files, that doubled, face to the Rear.
March clear. Halt. Face to the midſt.
Make good the Rear. March. To your Leader.

Rear half files, double the Front inwards entire.
Front half files, face to the Flanks.
Rear half files, to the midſt.
Cloſe to cloſe Order. March. To your Leader.
Make good the Front. March.

Half files that Doubled, To the Right about.
March clear. Halt.
Front half files, Face to the midſt.
Rear half files, Face to the Flanks.
Open as you were. March. To your Leader.

Ranks, open from the Front, to open Order.
March.
Left half ranks, to your right hands, double the
Right.
Left half ranks, face to the Right.

March.

March. Halt. To your Leader.
Left half ranks, as you were.

March. Halt. To your Leader.

Right half ranks, to your left hands, double the left.
Right half ranks, Face to the left.
March. Halt. To your Leader.

Right half Ranks As you were.
March. Halt. To your Leader.
Ranks, close to the Front to Order. March.

Of Files Ranking, and Ranks Filing.

Command.

Files, open from the Right to 10 foot Distance.
Face all to the left. March. Halt. To your Leader.

Ranks, close to the Front to close Ord. March.

Files, rank upon the Right into the Front. March.
Files, as you were. March.
Files, rank upon the left into the Front. March.
Files, as you were. March.

Of Wheeling by Ranks.

Command.

Ranks open from the { Front / Rear } { to what distance / shall be named.

Files,

Files, Close to the { Right / Left } to close Order.

Wheel your Ranks to the Right. March.
Ranks, as you were. March.
Wheel your Ranks to the left. March.
Ranks, as you were. March.
Ranks, close to the Front to close Order. March.

Of Wheeling Battalions, or ſmaller Bodies.

Wheel to the Right. March twice.
Wheel to the Right about. March.
Wheel to the Left March twice.
Wheel to the Left about March.
Ranks, open from the Front to open Ord. March.
Files, open from the Right to Order. March.

The Exerciſe being ended
If the Officer pleaſe to march away his Company,

He may **Command,**

Shoulder your Pikes.

If he pleaſes to troop away, his Pikes being advanced,

Command,

Club your Muſquets.

Here follow the words of Command with the Explanations at large, how each Command is to be performed.

Command.

Advance your Pike. Explanation.

RAiſe you Pike upright, with your right hand as high as you can reach, keeping your Pike cloſe by your ſide; take your Pike between your Finger and Thumb of your left Hand againſt your Waſte, the Palm downwards, your Fingers extended; then bring down your right hand and place the But of the Pike in the Palm; place your left hand ſtraight down your ſide, the back outwards, as muſt be obſerved at all times, when you place either hand down by your ſide.

Command.

Poiſe your Muſquet. Explanation.

Slip your right hand down your Muſquet as low as you can, without conſtraint; keep your Muſquet between your Fore-finger and Thumb, raiſe your Muſquet with your right hand, before you bring your right hand even with your Breſt;

at

at the ſame time with your left hand, take hold of your Muſquet juſt above the Lock, turning the Lock to the Front, your Elbows extended; forſake your Muſquet with your right hand, raiſing your Muſquet with your left hand to the ſame height; place your right hand under the Lock, bearing your Thumb upwards againſt the Stock; take your left hand from your Muſquet, and place it ſtraight down by your ſide, your right Elbow cloſe to your Body bearing your Muſquet upright.

Clear of your Face. Shoulder your Muſquet.

Explanation.

Place your left hand below your right, turn your Barrel to the Front, your Muſquet upright, clear off the left ſide of your Face, your Elbows extended; place it on your left ſhoulder, the guard cloſe to your Breſt, forſake it with your right hand, placing it down by your ſide, your right Elbow almoſt cloſe to your Body, keep your Thumb upon the Stock in the Hollow.

Of Facings.

The uſe whereof is to alter the aſpect as occaſion ſhall require.

Obſerv. Keep your Bodies upright, your left Heels fixed, raiſing up your left Toes that they may turn clear; perform your Facings, keeping time as before expreſſed, but with a quick Motion,

on, taking care to keep your Pikes upright to prevent Clattering: The Musquetteers muſt bring there left Elbows cloſe to their ſides, which will cauſe the Muzles to mount, that in turning they may not hit each others Arms; this rule muſt be obſerved in all Facings, eſpecially at cloſe Order. The ſeveral Facings being mentioned before, I ſhall here omit them.

Of Diſtance.

The uſe whereof is to direct ſuch Diſtance as is convenient to ſtrengthen the Body, by cloſing or doubling ſuch parts as the Officer ſhall think fit. *Note*,

Cloſe Order is 1 foot and a half,
Order is 3 foot,
Open Order is 6 foot,
} in rank and file.

Obſerv. Other Diſtances of 8 or 10 foot, or what Diſtance the commanding Officer pleaſes, may be named at Diſcretion.

Of the ſeveral Diſtances.

Files, open from the { Right / Left / midſt of Files } to { Order. / open Order. / or what Diſtance ſhall be named. }

Files,

Files, close to the { Right / Left / midst of / Files } to { open Order. / Order. / close Order. }

Ranks, open from the { Front / Rear / midst of / Ranks } to { Order. / open Order. / or what Distance shall be named. }

Ranks, close to the { Front / Rear / midst of / Ranks } to { open Order. / Order. / close Order. }

Observ.

In opening or closing Files to { close Order, / Order, / open Order, }

Take this General Rule.

After the Command is given, and the word March, the Soldiers must step side-ways in a straight line, beginning the Motion with the Leg to the Hand, named without Altering the Aspect; moving straight with their Leaders.

For Instance. **Command.**

Files, open from the left to open Order. March.

Explanation.

Explanation.

The right hand File begins the Motion, ſtretching their right legs in a ſtraight line to the right, making a large ſtep, but without conſtraint, then bring their left foot to the right, and ſo continue till they have attained their Ground. The next File to the Right, muſt not move till the right hand file is 6 foot from them, ſo the reſt ſucceſſively.

The ſame Rule is to be obſerved in opening your files, from the right or midſt of files. Alſo the

Ranks, opening from the { Front, Rear, midſt of Ranks,

obſerving their right hand Men marching forwards or backwards.

The ſame Method is to be uſed in cloſing Files or Ranks in the ſeveral Commands before mentioned, with this Obſervation; that what part they are to cloſe to, the extent of the cloſing part, are to ſtand, the reſt to cloſe to the Diſtance commanded.

For Inſtance. **Command.**

Ranks, cloſe to the Rear to cloſe Order. March.

Direction,

Direction.

The rear Rank is not to move, the reſt are to cloſe to the Rear moving Backwards, and to ſtop at a foot and a half Diſtance.

Note, When the Ranks cloſe or open backwards, the Soldiers muſt half face to the Right, that they may the better ſee the Rank behind them, always beginning the Motion with their right Legs.

Obſerv. If the Ground be uneven, or you are to open your Ranks or Files to a large Diſtance, it is beſt done by Facing.

For Inſtance. Suppoſe you are to open the files from the left to twelve foot Diſtance.

Command.

Files, open from the left to twelve foot Diſtance.

Face to the left. March.

Explanation.

The Facing being performed, and the word March given, which muſt be after the Facing is ended, keeping time as before is expreſſed; the right hand File being become the Leaders in this Motion, are altogether to ſtretch forth their right Legs, and March in a ſtraight line; the next file muſt not advance till the other be 12 foot before them,

them, and then to March, the others doing the ſame ſucceſſively, except the left hand file who is to ſtand their ground. Care muſt be taken as ſoon as the file that was next on the right of the left hand file, is advanced 12 foot from the left hand file, to Command (Halt): at which word the Soldiers are all to ſtand. To your Leader.

Note, When any Facings are performed, and the Command is (to your Leader) you are to Face to the contrary hand you faced before.

Inſtance.

If the Command was face to the left about, and the word is given, to your Leader, you are to face to the right about. The ſame way muſt be done by opening Files from the Right, or midſt of Files; alſo in ranks opening.

From the { Front, Rear, midſt of Ranks.

Care muſt be taken in all Marchings, that as ſoon as the Soldiers have attained their Ground, to Command, Halt. At which they are to ſtop all together.

Of the Poſtures of the Muſquet.

The uſes thereof are to inſtruct the Soldiers to handle their Arms gracefully, and in ſuch decent manner, that they may neither clatter their Arms, nor be in danger by accident of doing miſchief to their fellows.

Command.

Lay your Right hand on your Muſquet.

Direction.

Slip your Muſquet a little forwards, turn your Lock upwards, your Elbows extended, your right hand open behind the Lock, the Palm from you.

Poiſe your Muſquet.

Graſp your Muſquet hard with your right hand, raiſe it from your Shoulder, placing your left hand ſtraight down your ſide cloſe to your Body, bearing your Muſquet upright, clear off your Face.

Reſt your Muſquet.

Join your left hand to your Muſquet, upon the place where your Rammer goes into the Stock, turn the Barrel towards you; fall back with your right

right Leg, turning your right Toe to the right, ſink the Butt to the inſide of the top of your right Knee, placing your Thumb over the Cock, your Fingers behind the Trigger.

Cock your Muſquet.

Draw back your Cock to the full Bent, keeping your Thumb and Finger as before.

Guard your Muſquet.

Keeping your hands as before, bring up your right Foot, placing your right Heel near the hollow of your left Foot, the Toe outwards; at the ſame time raiſe your left hand even with your face, keeping your Muſquet upright, your Elbows extended, your Muſquet clear of your Body.

Preſent.

Place your Thumb behind your Cock, your Fore-finger before your Trigger, at the ſame time fall back with your right Leg a ſhort ſtep, your right Heel a little to the right of your left Heel; raiſe your Butt, place it hard againſt your Shoulder, extending your Elbows, bending your left Knee a little ſtanding ſtrong, your Muzels breſt high.

Fire.

Taking Aim, draw all your Triggers together, and ſtand ſteddy.

Recover your Arms.

Bring up your right Leg, at the ſame time, ſink your Butt, and ſtand as when you Guarded your Muſquets.

Half Cock your Muſquets.

Stand as at reſted, and draw your cock to a half bent.

Clean your Pan.

Preſs the Ball of your Thumb into the Pan and wipe it, then place the back of your hand behind your Lock, holding only your Thumb on the Lock, your Fingers extended.

Handle your Primer.

Take it between your two Fore-fingers and Thumb, the great end from you; hold it even with the Pan.

Level and Prime.

At which word you are to ſink your Muzels, at the Barrel be on a ſtraight line, then to prime:

take

take care not to fill your Pan full, becauſe your Hammer may preſs it, and by that means the fire not take but rowl off.

Shut your Pan.

Drop your Primer, then placing your Thumb behind your Cock, your two Fore-fingers on the Hammer, draw down your Hammer, then place your right hand under your Lock, your Thumb only over the Stock, bringing your right leg and your Muſquet as at Recover.

Blow your Pan.

Keep your Head and Body upright, bring your Pan near your Mouth, blow a ſtrong Blaſt together, and return your Arms back.

Caſt about to Charge.

Keeping your Muſquet upright, turning the Barrel from you, inclining your Muſquet a little to the left, ſtep ſtrait forwards with your right Leg, directing your right Toe to the Front; at the ſame time, ſink your Muſquet with your left hand, your left hand ſtraight down your ſide, place your right hand near the Muzel, your Thumb upwards againſt the Rammer, keep your Muſquet a ſmall diſtance from your Body ſtraight to the Front.

Handle your Charger.

Bring your Muſquet cloſe to your Body, take your Charger in a full hand, hold it under your Barrel an Inch below the Muzel, your Thumb againſt the Cap.

Uncap your Charger.

Keep your Head and Body upright, and uncap with your Teeth, place your Thumb on your Charger, and return as before.

Charge with Pouder.

Put your Pouder in the Barrel, and place your Charger as before.

Load with Ball.

Take your Ball out of your Pouch or Mouth, put it in your Barrel, placing your hand near your Muzel, as when you caſt about to Charge.

Place your Wad.

With your two Fore-fingers and Thumb, take your Wad from your Hat or Girdle, place it in the Muzel, then place your hand as before.

Draw your Rammer.

Clench your Fingers, hold your Thumb ſtraight, raiſing the middle joint of your Fore-finger even with the end of your Thumb; take your Rammer between your Thumb and Fore-finger, draw it forth as far as you can reach, then turn your Hand, the Palm from you, and take your Rammer between your Fore-finger and Thumb, and draw it forth, holding it as you hold a Pen; hold your Arm ſtraight, your Rammer level, which will be done by keeping the ſmall end cloſe to your Arm.

Hold them up.

Keeping your Arm ſtraight, ſink the great end of your Rammer, hold your Rammer upright in a full hand, bearing your Thumb upright againſt your Rammer.

Shorten againſt your Waſt.

Place the great end of your Rammer againſt your Girdle place, ſlip your hand down upon your Rammer within a handful of the end, keeping it upon the ſame range with your Muſquet; one Inch is too little to hold in while you ſlip your hand, as hath been practiſed.

Place them in your Barrel.

Put the great end into the Barrel, then ſlip your right hand up your Rammer as high as you can reach, and holding it in a full hand, bring your hand to your Muzel, then ſlip your hand to the top of your Rammer, and bring it to your Muzel, as before, placing your Thumb on the end of your Rammer.

Ram down your Charges.

Stretch out your right Arm as far as you can, holding faſt your Rammer, and ram down hard.

With-draw your Rammers.

Stretch out your right Arm as far as you can, holding faſt your Rammer; forſake the end, and ſlip your hand to the Muzel, turn the Palm from you, and hold your Rammer between your Thumb and Fore-finger, then draw it forth, holding it as you hold a Pen, keeping it level, the great end againſt your Arm.

Hold them up.

Keeping your Arm ſtraight, ſink the ſmall end of your Rammer, hold it upright in a full hand, bearing your Thumb upright againſt your Rammer.

Shorten

Shorten againſt your Waſt.

Place the ſmall end of your Rammer againſt your Girdle place, ſlip your hand down your Rammer within two handful of the end, keeping it on the ſame range with your Muſquet; one handful is too little to reach to your firſt Loop, as formerly uſed.

Return your Rammer.

Bring your Rammer round your Muzel, and place it within your firſt Loop, your hand upon your Muzel, ſlip your hand as high as you can, and draw down your Rammer, holding it in a full hand, ſlip your hand to the top, and placing your Thumb on the end of the Rammer draw it down into its place; then take hold of your Muſquet with a full Hand, your Thumb upright even with the Muzel, bearing your Muſquet clear of your Body.

Poiſe your Muſquet.

Raiſe your Muſquet upright, and at the ſame time, forſake it with your right hand, falling back with your right Leg into an even Line, bring your Muſquet in your left hand ſtraight before you, raiſing your left hand even with your Chin, the Lock from you, place your right hand under your Lock, your

your Thumb upright againſt your Stock, and Poiſe as before.

Order your Muſquet.

Turn the Barrel towards you, at the ſame time join your left hand to your Muſquet, holding it with a full hand juſt below the place where the Rammer goes into the Stock, ſink your left hand and Muſquet together, as low as you can without conſtraint, bearing it towards your right ſide, placing your right hand near the Muzel, your Thumb it upright even with your Muzel againſt the Barrel, forſaking with your left hand; ſink it eaſily down till the Butt be within a handfull of the ground a little to the outſide of your right Toe, then order all together.

The Exerciſe of the Pikes.

Obſerv. In all Charges, bring down your Pikes with a quick Motion, a little on the Right of your immediate Leader, charging breſt high, then draw them cloſe to your Leader, making a ſtraight line.

Command.	
Advance your Pike.	As before explained.

To

To the Front.

Place your left hand on your Pike, level with your right ſhoulder, fixing your Pike between your Thumb and Fore-finger, your hand open, the Palm downwards; bring your Pikes before you, drawing your right Heel near your left Inſtep, the Toe outwards, clenching your left Hand, the Thumb upright, keeping your Pikes upright at a convenient diſtance from your Body, without conſtraint.

Charge.

Fall back with your right Leg, placing your Toe outward, your right Inſtep even with your left Heel; at the ſame time opening your left hand that the Pike may fall between your Thumb and Fore-finger, reſting on the hollow of your left Arm, your left hand againſt your Breſt, the Butt in the Palm of your right Hand, extended breſt high, your left Toe right forwards, bring down your Pike at a Convenient diſtance from your immediate Leaders, and cloſe to them when charged.

Note, When you have Charged, and the Word is, to the Right, bring up your right Leg, and at the ſame time raiſe your Pike, facing to the Right, but do not Charge before you have the Word. This rule muſt be obſerved in the ſeveral charges

charges before mentioned, which for brevity ſake are hear omitted.

Advance your Pikes.

Stretch your right Leg on an even Line, a large pace from your left, bring your Pike cloſe to your right ſide, the Butt-end in your right hand downwards, the left hand to your right Shoulder, forſake with your left hand and ſtand advanced as before.

Shoulder your Pikes.

Join your left hand to your Pike, and bring your Pike before you as in the Recover; forſake it with your right hand, holding it faſt in your left hand, fall back with your right Leg as in the Charge, extend your right hand back, caſting your Eyes back to the Spear of your Pike, ſlooped in a ſtraight line, forſaking it with your left hand, bring up your right Leg, laying your Pike on your right Shoulder, your Elbow cloſe to your Body, the Butt a foot from the Ground, juſt before your Body, inclining a little to the Right hand.

Port.

As charging to the Front only, ſink not the Spear ſo low, but reſt your Pike between your Thumb and Fore-finger of your left hand, your Elbow cloſe to your ſide.

Compore

Comport.

Slip your left hand as forward as you can, forſake your Pike with your right hand, and bring your Pike in your left hand cloſe to your Body, ſtretch your right hand as far forward as you can, and take hold of your Pike; forſake it with your left hand, bringing your right hand to your ſide; at the ſame time bring up your right Leg even with your left, mounting the Spear more than ſix foot high.

Charge to the Front.

Step forward with your right Leg, at the ſame time extend your right Arm as forward as you can; take hold of your Pike with your left hand cloſe to your right ſide, forſaking your Pike with your right hand, ſtep back with your right Leg and take the Butt of your Pike in your right hand and charge breſt high.

Traile.

Forſake your Pike with your right hand, and facing to the right about, let your ſpear drop leaſurely to the Ground, your Pike lying between the Fore finger and Thumb of your left hand, and in the hollow of your left Arm, your left hand advanced even with your Shoulder.

Charge

Charge.

Face to the left about as you were, and take the Butt-end in your right hand, charge as before, taking care not to toſs your Spear above breſt high. Advance as before.

Order your Pikes.

Join your left hand to your Pike even with your right Soulder, hold your Pike between your Fore-finger and Thumb of your left hand, your Fingers extended, the Palm downwards, ſink down your left Hand and Pike together, and raiſe your right Arm as high as you can without conſtraint; forſake your Pike with your left hand, and ſink the Butt leaſurely within a handful of the Ground, then order together.

The Exerciſe of the Pike and Muſquet together.

Command.

Advance your Pikes,
Poiſe your Muſquets,
Shoulder your Muſquets,
} as before explained.

Make all Ready.

At which word the Pikes are to recover to the Front as is before ſhewed at the beginning of the Charges of the Pikes. And

And the Muſquetteers, are to Poiſe, Reſt, Cock and Guard their Muſquets, as before expreſſed.

Note, When the Command is given, Charge, the Pikes are to Charge, and the Muſquetteers are to Reſt.

And at the word face, whether it be to the {Right / Left} or {Right / Left} about

the Soldiers, both Muſquetteers and Pikes, muſt bring their Arms before them (as at to the Front) then face all together and ſtand, expecting the Command to Charge. Perform the ſeveral Charges as before expreſſed; which being ended,

Command,

Advance your Pikes. Poiſe your Muſquets.
Half cock your Muſquets Order your Arms.
Pikes, to your inſide Order.

Explanation.

Raiſe your Pikes a little from the Ground, turning your right Toe to the Right, and place the Butt of your Pikes in the hollow of your right foot.

Lay down your Arms.

At which word the Soldiers are to Slip down their right hands as low as they can without conſtraint,

ſtraint, placing their left hands down by their ſides, the Muſquetteers muſt turn their Barrels towards their Bodies; that when they lay them down, the Locks may lie upwards, then ſtepping forward their left Legs altogether, lay down their Arms in a ſtraight Line, continuing in that Poſture.

Command.

Quit your Arms.

At which word the Soldiers muſt raiſe their Bodies together, and bring back their left Legs to their former place.

To the right about. March.

When they March from their Arms, they muſt ſtep all together with their left Legs, and March ſtraight in the Interval between the Arms.

Obſerv. At the word of Command, fireing a Piſtol, or beat of Drum, the Soldiers are to draw their Swords, holding them upright in their right hands, the Hilt even with their Faces; at the ſame time to face about with a quick Motion, making a Huzza, and run immediately to their Arms.

Where being placed as before,

Command,

Command.

Return your Swords.

When they have returned their Swords, which muſt be all at one Motion, they muſt ſtand upright at their Arms, facing ſtraight to the Front.

Handle your Arms.

Explanation.

Caſt your right hand back, turning it upwards by your Face, not too far extended; at the ſame time the Pike-men muſt turn their right Toes outwards, that the hollow of their right Feet be placed at the Butt of their Pikes; ſtep forwards with your left Legs, taking hold of your Arms even with your left Toes.

Recover your Arms.

Raiſe your Arms all together and ſtand upright, ſlip your right hands upwards, as at Order.

Command.

Pikes, to your outſide Order.

Raiſe your Pikes a little, and turn your right Toe more forwards, placing your Pikes as at Order.

Command.

Advance your Pikes, poiſe your Muſquets, ſhoulder your Muſquets; as before.

Club your Muſquets.

At which word the Muſquetteers are to lay their right hands on their Muſquets and Poiſe, then face to the right, ſinking down their right hands to the extent; at the ſame time, ſinking their Muſquets, the Muzle towards the Frone, into their left hands, being even with their Swords, placing their left hands a large handful before the Lock, keeping their left hands fixed; put forwards the Butt-end, then quit it with your right hands, turn the Butt upright and place your right hand a foot below your left, bringing up your right Leg, the Lock to the Front, even with your face; forſake it with your left hand, raiſing your right hand againſt your Breſt, placing your left near the Muzle, lay it eaſily on your Soulder, the Barrel from you, place your right hand down by your ſide.

Note, The Soldiers are in a poſture to Troop, if the Officer ſhall think fit.

Reduction.

Poiſe your Muſquets.

Slip forward your left hand, turn your Barrel upwards, take hold with your right hand near your Shoulder, raiſe your Muſquet upright, bring it before your Face, the Butt upwards, the Barrel to the Front, ſink your Muſquet down in your right hand, and place your left hand the back towards you, even with your face, a handful under the Lock; fall back with your right Leg at the ſame time, turn your Muzle forwards towards the Front by your right Shoulder, ſinking your Butts placing your right hand under the Lock as at reſt, bring forwards your right Leg and Poiſe.

Obſerv. From Poiſe, you may ſhoulder, or Order at Diſcretion.

Of Doublings.

The uſes whereof are to ſtrengthen the Front, Rear, and Flanks at the Officers Diſcretion.

Note, Care muſt be taken that there be due diſtance given to receive the Doubling part.

For Inſtance.

If you are to double Ranks, Files, or half Ranks, or half Files, the part doubled muſt be at open

Order; but if they be entire Doublings, there must be distance proportionable to receive the number that are to double; as will appear by the following Explanations.

Of Doubling Ranks, and half Ranks.

Note, The files must be at open Order.

Command.

Ranks, to the right hand double to the Front. March.

Explanation.

The even Ranks from the Front must double the odd; namely, the Second, Fourth and Sixth, double the First, Third and Fifth, beginning their motion at the same time with their right hand men, keeping their Ranks even, making a large step: First, with their right Feet inclining to the Right, that their next step with their left Feet may possess the ground upon the right of their immediate Leader, bringing up their right Feet even with their left, they possess their ground facing to the Front.

Reductions. **Command.**

Ranks as you were. March.

Explanation.

Explanation.

The Ranks that double are to turn to their left hands, take a large ſtep with their left Feet, directing their Toes to their former place; then moving their right Feet into their former Ground, turn upon their right Heels to the right about.

The ſame Method is to be uſed in doubling Ranks to the left, performing all to the contrary hand.

In Doubling of half Ranks.

Command.

Left half Ranks, to your right hands double the right.

Left half Ranks, face to the right. March.

At which word, the left half Ranks begin the motion, ſteping together with their right Legs, placing themſelves in the Intervals behind their right hand men; ſo march ſileways to the right Flank, placing themſelves ſucceſſively in the files of the right half Ranks.

Command.

To your Leader.

Reduction.

Left half Ranks As you were. March.

Here, the left half Ranks that doubled are to face to the left.

The Soldiers muſt ſtep all together with their right Legs, and march into their former Ground, each Man turning one ſtep to the right, at the end of the ſtanding Ranks, being marched clear.

Command,

Halt. To your Leader.

The ſame way your right half Ranks may double the left, by naming the Commands to the contrary hand.

Of Doubling Files.

Note, The Ranks muſt be at open Order.

Command.

Files, to your right hands Double. March

Explanation.

The even files are to double the odd, namely, the next file to the right hand, being the ſecond or even file from the right, ſo the fourth, ſixth, and

ſo

ſo on, are to double the odd files thus; as ſoon as the word March is given, the Soldiers are together to ſtretch forth their right Legs a large ſtep at the ſame time facing to the right, directing their Toes towards the right hand man, in the next Rank behind them, then placing their left feet behind their right hand men, turning together to the left, bringing up their right feet, they take the midſt of the latervals behind their right hand Men.

Reduction.

Files, as you were. March.

Here the Files that doubled are to ſtretch forth their left Legs together, and return to their places as in ranks Doubling.

The ſame is to be performed to the left, by naming the word of Command to the contrary hand.

Note. If there be an odd file, it muſt be drawn of.

Of doubling Rear half files, which are performed divers ways, of which ſome ſhort Directions to explain the whole.

Command.

Rear half files, to the right hand double the Front March.

Direction.

The fourth Rank being the half file Leaders, begins the Motion, ſtepping all together, with their Right Legs, marching up the Intervals upon the Right of their Leaders, the reſt following ſucceſſively, placing their Leaders in the Front, the reſt even with the other Ranks.

Reduction.

Rear half files, as you were. March.

At which words they are to face to the left about, and to ſtep together with their right Legs, marching to the former Ground.

Command.

Halt. To your Leader.

At which word they are to face to the right about, turning upon their right Heel.

The ſame method may be uſed to the left, by the contrary words of Command.

Of Entire and Diviſionable Doublings.

They are to the right or left entire.

Or to the right or left by Diviſion, or inwards entire.

Obſerv.

Obſerv. Some ſhort general Rules to explain the whole.

In Diviſional Doublings, if there be an odd file, you muſt always give the odd file to the right, and ſo you muſt obſerve the ſame method in doubling half Ranks, allowing the odd file to the right half Ranks.

Command.

Rear half files, Double the Front on the left entire.

Rear half files, face to the left. March clear.

At which Command, they are to ſtep all together with their left Legs and March ſtraight, clear of the ſtanding part.

Care muſt be taken by the Officer as ſoon as they are clear of the ſtanding part, to Command, Halt.

At which the Soldiers are immediately to ſtop.

To your Leader.

Here the Soldiers are immediately to face to the Right.

Command.

Make good your Front. March.

The Soldiers are to move up into the Front, making their Ranks even.

Reduction

Reduction.

Rear half files, that doubled to the left about. March clear.

Perform it as is before expreſſed. Halt.

Face to the left. Make good your Rear. March.

Perform this as when you made good the Front.

To your Leader.

Here they are together to face to the left.

The ſame method is to be uſed in Doubling rear half files entire on the right, by expreſſing the words of Command to the contrary hand; alſo in doubling rear half files by Diviſion, or inwards entire with this.

Obſerv. In Doubling by Diviſion or inwards entire, inſtead of facing to the Right and left, uſe face to the Flanks or midſt, as it is expreſt in the firſt part of this Book before the Explanations.

I ſhall conclude the Doublings with this ſhort Obſervation.

In all Doublings, whether in Ranks, half Ranks, or half Files, let care be taken for the Doubling part, that there be diſtance for them that they may move clear; let the Soldiers take care to ſtep all together, if the doubling be to the Right, to begin with

with their right feet; if to the left, with the left feet, Marching in Rank and File, obſerving well the Command; and at the Reduction of each Command in Ranks, half Ranks, Files, or half Files (entire and Diviſionable Doublings excepted, in which they are always to face about towards the Flank) let them face about to the contrary hand they doubled: alſo obſerve all theſe Doublings to the Front: the ſame is to be performed to the Rear, by facing to the Rear, and uſing the ſame words of Command.

Of Files Ranking and Ranks Filing.

The uſe is to open from the Front to prevent the danger of the Enemies great Shot, and to cloſe again as occaſion ſhall require; the performance muſt be thus.

Command.

Files, open from the { Right / Left } to { 12 foot diſtance. } March.

Ranks, cloſe to the Front to cloſe Order. March
Files, Rank into the Front. March.

At this Command, each man is to move into the Front, and place himſelf on the hand named of his Leader, if the word be to rank on the Right, each man muſt place himſelf in the Front on the right of his leader, and ſo on the left, if the Command be to the left.

Reduction.

Reduction.

Files, as you were. March.

The Soldiers muſt turn to the contrary hand they ranked upon, and facing towards the Rear, muſt march and take their former places.

Inſtance.

Suppoſe you ranked on the left into the Front to reduce, you muſt face to the right, and ſtretch your right Leg a good ſtep, directing your Toe almoſt to the Rear, that at the bringing up your left foot you may attain to face to the ground you ſtood on before; ſo March and place your ſelves there, turning on your left Heel, and facing to the Front.

The ſame Method uſe to the contrary hand, performing all accordingly.

Of Wheelings by Plattoons or Diviſions, or in large Bodies, the uſes thereof are to alter the Front at Diſcretion, either to gain the advantage of the Wind or Sun, or to give opportunity to face the Enemy properly in their Approaches, which may be performed to the right or left, or right or left about.

For Inſtance. Command.

Wheel to the Right. March.

At

At which words the Soldiers wheel from the left to the right, the right hand Man in the Front, being as it were the hing on which the Motion depends, turns with a ſlow Motion on his right Heel, the left hand Men March quicker according to their Diſtance from the Right, obſerving in the Motion to keep your Ranks even, and at cloſe Order in Rank and File; the ſucceeding Ranks inclining to the left in ſuch proportion that they keep ſtraight after their Leader in due diſtance.

The ſame to the left or to the right or left about.

Alſo, by wheeling Ranks to the right or left, the uſe whereof is to form them quick into one Rank, to make a Gaurd or line a Hedge. It muſt be alſo obſerved in marching.

Note. The Anguler Man muſt turn upon his right Heel, when he wheels to the right, and on his left Heel when to the left.

Here, obſerve if it may not be convenient to gain or loſe Ground, you muſt face about to the right or left, and wheel to the contrary hand that brings you to your former Ground.

But when you Wheel by ſingle Ranks on a March, let the right or left hand Man of each rank, according to the hand they are to wheel (the Serjeant placing his Halbert Directing to the proper place) make a ſudden ſtop, the others in the rank quickening the Motion according to their diſtance from the Wheeling hand, as before directed; and having performed the Motion, March

together,

together, the next Rank marching in a ſtraight line into the ſame place, then wheel as the firſt did, and this is to be obſerved by all ſucceeding Ranks.

Of Firings and the ſeveral ways to perform them.

Time, number of Men, and convenience of Ground being various, Diſcretion muſt be the Commanders chiefeſt Guide to proportion his Body to aſſault or oppoſe his Enemy. An Army Embattelled is better in ſmall than large Diviſions, being more capable of ſpeedily ſupplying by the Reſerves, ſuch parts as ſhall be moſt furiouſly attacked by the Enemy; as alſo to Wheel on all occaſions, and give opportunity to outfront their Enemy, which is a very great advantage.

Let not your Diviſions be too large to cauſe confuſion, nor too ſmall to be over-powred; equivalate your Numbers as occaſion requires.

Of Front Firings, either in Line or advanced Parties, as ſhall be moſt convenient, which may be performed by one, two, or three Ranks together.

Command.

Cloſe your Ranks forwards to cloſe Order. March.

Command.

Command.

First Rank, two Ranks or three Ranks. Make ready.

Direction.

If you fire two ranks, the first is to stoop to give opportunity for the following rank to fire breft high.

If by three Ranks, the first is to kneel, which they are to do by falling back with their right Legs, not moving their left Legs, keeping low that the others may fire over them, the second to stoop as beforesaid, the last Rank keeping upright.

When the Command is given for the first to kneel, the second is to stoop at the same time without Order.

The Officer or Officers in the head of the Division or Battalion, retire at the same time into the intervals, just behind the Rank or Ranks of the Soldiers that are preparing to fire. Command. Present.

Note, The Officers with the Pikemen ought to have their Arms conformable to the Pikes, and those with the Musquetteers are to kneel as they do.

Note, At all times in a standing Body, when the Musquetteers are commanded to make ready, the Pikemen are to make ready to the Front, When the Musquetteers present, the Pikemen are to Charge.

Command.

Command.

Fire. Recover your Arms.

At which word of Command, Muſquetteers and Pikes are all to recover their Arms, raiſing their Bodies upright, and to advance their Pikes and Poiſe their Muſquets; the Muſquetteers immediately wheeling off to the Right, Left, or by Diviſion, as ſhall be moſt convenient; the Serjeants being ready upon the Flank or Flanks to lead them off and place them in the Rear.

Note, If the Officer will maintain his Ground, he may lead the next rank into the ſame Ground, the other Ranks poſſeſs'd.

If gain ground, he may advance as much forwards as ſhall be neceſſary.

If loſing Ground, he need not lead up the Ranks to the former Ground, but fire them on the Ground they ſtand without advancing: the Pikes are to advance or retreat accordingly.

If it be thought not convenient to fire three Ranks together, he may Command the two laſt Ranks, Preſent, Fire; and afterwards the ſame Command to the firſt rank, which may prove a ſurprize to the Enemy, if they ſhall advance upon them to receive Shot unexpected, and if the Officer pleaſes, he may perform this Firing the Depth of a whole File; the five firſt Ranks kneeling, the rear Rank Preſent, Fire, the fifth Rank ſtand up, Preſent, Fire,

Fire, and ſo the reſt; this may be performed by one, two, or three Ranks kneeling, and ſtooping as before.

In all Firings, the Muſquetteers are to charge again preſently, to be in a readineſs againſt the next word of Command.

Of Rear Firings.

This is a retreating Firing to be performed Marching.

Command.

Rear Ranks of Muſquetteers, make ready.

This is to be done Marching and at the Word, Preſent; they are to face to the right about, Preſent, and Fire, without any other Command; as ſoon as they have fired, they are to recover their Arms, marching to the right and left, with a ſwift Motion, and placing themſelves in the front of their own Muſquetteers, as ſoon as the laſt Rank is bid Preſent, the next rank is immediately to make ready, but not to face to the rear till they have the word, Preſent. At which word, they are to face about as the others did, and having fired to place themſelves in the Front as before, the reſt ſucceſſively.

Note. During this Firing, the whole Body is upon a March, except the Rank that is preſenting.

Of Flank Firings.

Which may be performed if a Body be attacked upon a March to the right, left, or both Flanks, placing your Muſquetteers accordingly.

Inſtance.

Suppoſe you were to Fire to both Flanks.

Command.

Right and left hand files of Muſquetteers, make ready; which they are to do marching.

Command.

Preſent.

At which word they are to face outwards, and fire without any other Command; ſo ſoon as they have fired, they are to face to the Rear, where the Serjeant is to lead them a croſs with a quick motion, and place them between the Pikes and their own Diviſions; the next files upon the right and left, when the other is bid Preſent are to make ready, marching not to face till they have the word Preſent; at which time they are to face and fire as the others did, and ſo be led of accordingly.

This

This firing may be performed upon the Right or left Flank in the ſame manner, by placing the Muſquetteers accordingly as aforeſaid, and may be continued as occaſion requires.

Note. In this way of firing, the Soldiers are to fall back with their right feet, and not ſtep forward their left.

Care muſt be taken that the Muſquetteers keep 6 foot clear of the Pikes, that there may be room to receive the laſt file that fired, which is to be done by inclining to the right or left in the March.

Of Street or Lane Firings.

If you are to defend a Street, Lane, or Bridge or narrow Paſs againſt the Horſe; the way to perform it is thus.

Command,

Advance your Pikes.

Rear half files of Pikes, to the right hand double your Front. March.

Muſquetteers, face to the right about. March clear.

Muſquetters, face inwards. March.

To your Leader.

By this means the Pikes which are ſuppoſed to be feweſt in Number, will equally front your Muſquetteers.

The Captains are to be placed in the first rank of Pikes, the Leiutenants with the Musquetteers, the Colours and Drums between the Pikes and Musquetteers.

Command.

Port your Pikes.

The two first ranks of Musquetteers make ready. March.

At which word they are to face to the right or left, as must be before directed: A Serjeant or more being ready to lead them fileways by the Flank, marching cross the Front under the Pikes, carrying their Musquets steady, taking care they neither hit the Pikes nor injure their Fellows, and being placed under the Pikes without any word of Command, they are to face to the Front, falling back with their right Legs; the first rank is at the same time to kneel, keeping their Arms upright before them.

Here they may fire the first Rank or both Ranks together, as may be thought convenient, taking care as soon as they have fired without any Command to recover their Arms, facing as before the Serjeant with a quick motion, must lead them away by the contrary Flank they came up, and place them in the rear of the Musquetteers facing to the Front; care must be taken that two Ranks more be ready upon the Angle immediately to possess the Front as the others draw of, where being placed, they are to perform the same Firing, and March off quick as the others

thers did, two ranks more poſſeſſing their ground. This firing may be thus continued at Diſcretion.

Note. When the Muſquetteers are Commanded to Preſent, the Pikes are to Charge without any command; and as ſoon as they have fired, to raiſe their Pikes as before.

Obſerv. If your Street or Lane be very broad, your Front being wide, by which means ſo much time will be ſpent in marching croſs the Front, that may give the Horſe opportunity to preſs upon you, by your long intermiſſion between your firings; to prevent which, beſides the paſſages by the Flanks, there muſt be an Interval of ſix foot in the midſt of your Files, that your Ranks may be lead on by half Ranks up the Flanks, and after firing down the Interval to the Rear.

Reduction.

Muſquetteers face outward. March clear. Halt.

To your Leader. Make good your Front. March.

Rear Half files of Pikes. As you were. March.

Which done, the Officers Colours and Drums poſt themſelves as before.

How to perform a running Firing.

Which may be begun on the right or left, but commonly on the right.

Command.

Files open from the { Right / Left / or midst of Files to open Or.

Command.

Face to the { Right / Left / or Flanks } March. Halt. To your Leader.

Rear half files, to the left hand double the Front. March.

Perform your Firing thus.

Command.

Muſquetteers, make all ready, Preſent high.

The Officer on the right, Orders the right hand Man to begin the Firing (ſpeaking ſoftly) becauſe if the word be given aloud, they will all take it and fire a Volley inſtead of a running Peal.

Every file Leader is to fire as quick as 'tis poſſible after his right or left hand Man, and every file is to take care to fire with their file-Leader.

The

The manner how to form the four fronted Battle with a hollow Square in the Center, with any number of Men, wherein may be placed Field Pieces, Carriages, &c.

SUppoſe your Muſquetteers to be two thirds, and your Pikes one third, which are the uſual numbers of each Arms.

If you would form a large Battalion into the aforeſaid Battle.

Suppoſe your Battalion conſiſts of 120 Files, you will have 40 Files of Muſquetteers on each Wing, and 40 Files of Pikes in the Center.

The words of Command are,

Rear half files of the 20 inmoſt files of Pikes, face to the right about.

The inmoſt files of Pikes. March.

Halt. To your Leader.

Enſigns and Drums into the Center. March.

Pikes in the Flanks, open your Ranks from the midſt, to open order. March.

Pikes in the Flanks, by half Ranks double outwards. March.

20 Files of Muſquetteers on the left, face to the left about.

20 Files of Muſquetteers on the right and left. March.

Halt. Face to the left.
March. Halt. To your Leader.
Musquetteers in the Flanks.
March. Halt. Face to the Rear.
Wheel inwards to your Pikes.
To your Leader. Face Square.

Explanation, how to perform each Command.

When the rear half files of the inmost files of Pikes are faced about, and the Command is for the inmost files of Pikes to March, they must March, that they be 12 foot clear of the Flanks.

Then the Ensigns and Drums are all together to March, and place themselves in the Center of the Pikes.

Next, the Pikes on the flanks open their Ranks, the first 3 Ranks open forwards, the other backwards to open Order, whereby they attain the Angles of the Front and Rear Divisions.

Then Command.

Pikes, in the Flanks by half Ranks double outwards.

At which Command, the left half ranks of Pikes in the right Flank, face to the right, the right half ranks on the left; at the same time face to the left, and at the word March: They pass through the Intervals towards the flanks, placing themselves in the other files.

Then

Then having faced 20 files of Muſquetteers on the left, to the left about.

Command.

20 files of Muſquetteers on the right and left. March.

At which they are to March clear of the Pikes in Front and Rear: then Command Halt.

Face to the left. March.

At which they muſt march and place themſelves in the Front and Rear of the Pikes.

To your Leader.

Muſquetteers in the Flanks. March.

Which they muſt doe till the rear of them are even with the Front of their one Pikes.

Then Command.

Halt. Face to the Rear.

At which word, the right wing face to the right about, and the left wing to the left about, then to wheel inwards to their Pikes, by which they will bring their file Leaders to be on the Flanks.

To your Leader. Face ſquare.

At which word they face to Front, Rear and Flants. The rear Deviſion to the right about, and the Diviſions on the Flanks, to the right and left outwards, according to this Method, you may form any large Battalions into this figure.

If your number of Men be not exactly Equivalent, your Square may be somewhat oblong, which to object at, will more become a Critick than a Soldier.

The manner of placing the Officers, is thus:
The first Captain at the Proper Front.
The second Captain in the Rear.
The third Captain on the right Flank.
The fourth Captain on the left Flank.
The fifth Captain on the right Angle in the Front.
The sixth on the left Angle in the Rear.
The seventh on the right Angle in the Rear.
The eighth on the left Angle in the Front.

If there be more Captains, they must be placed on the right and left Angles on the Flanks; but if fewer omitted, giving preference first to the Front, then to the Rear, next to the Right, &c.

The Leiutenants are to be equally disposed of in the four Angles, as also the Serjeants.

The Ensigns having their Colours advanced and flying, must be posted within the Square, thus.

If there be twelve Ensigns, the first three on the right against the proper Front, the three next against the right Flank, the three next against the left Flank, the three on the left against the Rear. But if there be but Ten, then three against the Front, two on the right, two on the left, and three against the Rear: If but eight, then two

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to each place: if ſix, two to the Front, one to each Flank, and two to the Rear, giving preference as beforeſaid. The Drums muſt divide and cloſe to the Colours, to make as much room in the Square as may be to receive the Carriages, Field pieces, or otherways the Officers muſt keep their Poſts, facing and marching as the Soldiers do.

Reduction.

Command.

To your proper Front.
Muſquetteers, on the Flanks, face outwards.
Wheel as you were. March.
Muſquetteers in front, face to the right.
Muſquetteers in the rear, face to the left.
Muſquetteers in front and rear, March clear of the Flanks.
Halt. Face to the right.
Make good your Flanks. March.
To your Leader.
Half ranks of Pikes that doubled.
As you were. March. To your Leader.
Pikes in the Flanks cloſe your ranks as you were. March.
Officers and Drums take your former poſts.
Pikes in the front, to the right about.
Pikes in Front and Rear. March. To your Leader.

In

In this Figure you may march Facing and Firing to ſuch part as occaſion requires; to Front, Rear, or Flanks, or ſtanding Facing Square, you may fire to all or any part as neceſſity requires; the firings may be performed by one, two, or three Ranks, or fileways on the Flanks, as is ſhewed in the ſeveral ways of firing before mentioned.

If you would ſtrengthen your Angles more than by your Officers poſted therein, the ready way is to cauſe a file or two of Muſquetteers on the Flanks of each Diviſion, to rank themſelves in a Parallel line, or lines from the point of one Angle, to the point of the other, their Pikes placing themſelves in the rear of them.

If you would perform the aforeſaid Figure with a ſingle Company, it is performed with fewer words of Command.

Suppoſe your Company conſiſts of ſixteen files of Muſquetteers and eight files of Pikes.

The words of Command are,

Rear half files of the four inmoſt files of Pikes face to the right about.

The inmoſt files of Pikes. March clear.

Halt. To your Leader.

Drums and Colours into the Center. March.

The four outmoſt files of Muſquetteers on the left face to the left about.

Four outmoſt files of Muſquetteers on the right and left, march clear, Halt; face to the left, March, being

being placed in the Front and Rear, command to your Leader, face Square.

Reduction.

Command, to your proper Front.

Muſquetteers in the front, face to the right.

Muſquetteers in the Rear, face to the left.

Muſquetteers in Front and Rear, March clear of the Flanks, face to the Right, make good the Flanks, March, to your Leader.

Officers and Drums, take your former Poſts.

Pikes in the Front, to the right about.

Pikes in Front and Rear, March, to your Leader.

By the aforeſaid Method, may the hollow ſquare Battle be made with any number of Men, placing half your files of ſhot in Front and Rear of what number ſoever; the reſt on the Flanks, if the Battalion be large, the half ranks of Pikes muſt be doubled to compleat them twelve Deep, to make the ſquare more regular, then the Muſquetteers muſt be wheeled as before Directed, to reduce them to ſix Deep when faced ſquare, as before mentioned (but in a ſingle Company) the half Ranks doubling, and the wheeling may be omitted, becauſe the body will be more regular without it.

Rules for forming Regiments or Battalions of any numbers whatſoever, and the poſting the Officers.

IT hath been the former practice to place the ſeveral Companies by a Rule of Dignity, making as near as might be, Front, Rear, right and left, Equivalent by numbers.

Which practice being laid aſide, not only in our Army, but all other places, uſing a more eaſie and plainer method by Succeſſion; which alſo hath as much of Dignity in the Officers Poſts (though in a different way of Eſtimation) as the other, I ſhall therefore Treat only of the way now practiſed in all European Armies.

In the following method, I ſhall by Figures thus number the ſeveral Companies according to their Dignity.

The Colonel's Company being the firſt, is number (1) The Leiutenant Colonel number (2) The Major (3) The firſt Captain (4) The ſecond Captain (5) ſo the reſt Succeſſively.

The Companies that are to form a Battalion are to be placed thus.

The Colonel or firſt Company, on the right.

The Leiutenant Colonel or ſecond Company, on the left.

The Major or third Company, on the left of the Colonel.

The

The First Captain, or fourth Company, on the right of the Leiutenant Colonel.

The second Captain or fifth Company, on the left of the Major.

The third Captain or sixth Company, on the right of the first Captain.

So the other Companies are to be placed successively, that the youngest may be in the Center.

Because it may be convenient for large Regiments to divide into two or three Battalion, I shall therefore treat of them distinctly.

Observ. The first Battalion is to be led by the Colonel; if there be two Battalions, the second must be led by the Leiutenant Colonel; but if there be three Battalions, the third must be led by the Major.

Note. Where there are three Battalions, the Major's Battalion must march next after the Colonel, and the Leiutenant Col. Battalion in the rear.

Here it may do well to observe the reason given, why the Leiutenant Colonel leads the second Battalion and not bring up the Rear, where there are more than one Battalion? It is this, tho they belong to one Regiment, yet being formed into two Battalions, they are supposed two distinct Bodies; consequently a better Post to lead than bring up, the former Battalion being brought up by other Officers, and the Major in the rear of them, where there are but two Battalions, it being the better Post to bring up to the Colonel.

Because

Becauſe in many places a Regiment of Militia may not have Room to drawn in one line, it may be convenient to draw up the ſeveral Companies of each Battalion in their due Places at their firſt coming to the General Parade.

I ſhall therefore obſerving, the general Rule before preſcribed, begin with a Regiment of Ten Companies, and ſo proceed downwards to a Regiment of ſix Companies, dividing them into two and three Battalions, placing the Companies

By Figures as before Expreſſed.

Note. The ſame Rule preſcribed before of a Regiment (placing the firſt Company on the right, the ſecond on the left, and ſo ſucceſſively that the youngeſt be in the Center) muſt be obſerved in each Battalion.

Firſt of a Regiment of Ten Companies.

2	3	5	7	9	10	8	6	4	2
Col.	Maj.	Cap.	Cap.	Cap.	Cap.	Cap.	Cap.	Cap.	Leiut. Col.
		2	4	6	7	5	3	1	

Front.

In two Battalions thus.

1	5	9	7	3	2	6	10	8	4

Front.

Front.

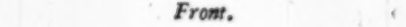
In three Battalions thus.

Front.

Of a Regiment of Nine Companies in two Battalions.

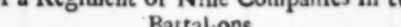
Front.

In three Battalions thus,



Front.

Of a Regiment of Eight Companies in two Battalions.



Front.

Of a Regiment of Seven Companies in two Battalions.

1 5 7 3 2 6 4

Front.

Of a Regiment of Six Companies in two Battalions.

1 5 3 2 4 6

Front.

Of Five Companies.

1 Battalion	2 Battalions
1 3 5 4 2	1 5 3 2 4

Front.

Of Four Companies.

1 Battalion	2 Battalions
1 3 4 2	1 3 2 4

Front.

The

The Battalion being formed, and the Enſigns placed according to the foregoing Rule, the Officers muſt be placed accordingly, obſerving that the Officers keep to their Battalion where their Enſigns are; namely, the Colonel places himſelf before the Center of the Pikes or Colours twelve Foot, the Leiutenant Colonel ſix Foot behind the Colonel, and ſix Foot before the Enſigns.

The Captains one half on the head of the right Wing, the other on the left; the Leiutenants accordingly betwixt them, and the Enſigns making all one even line, ſix Foot before the Soldiers; the Serjeants are to be placed one on the right and left of each Rank, or at the leaſt three on each Wing, the reſt making a line in the Rear.

The Drums are to be diſpoſed of thus: one third part of them on the right Wing, another third part on the left Wing on the ſame line with the firſt Rank of Muſquetteers, the other third part, between the Enſigns and Pikes.

Of Saluting ſtanding.

The Officers are to ſtand with their Pikes as at Order, onely their Arms ſtretched out with their Pikes, the Butt ends of them at the ſame diſtance from their Feet, keeping their Pikes upright.

To perform the Salute.

Fall back with your right Arm and Leg, letting the Spear ſink directly towards the Rear, to the height as when a Soldier's Pike is Shouldred, your left Toe ſtraight to the Front, the hollow of your right Foot againſt your left Heel; ſtretch your left Hand forwards, taking hold of your Pike, turning your Pike with your right Hand forwards, quit your right Hand and take hold of the Butt therewith, letting the Spear ſink near the ground without touching, keeping your Fingers extended of both Hands, that the Pike reſt between your Thumb and Fingers, then raiſe your Pike falling back as before; bringing up your right Leg, place your Pike at the order as before, taking care to time your Salute ſo that your Hat may be off juſt as the Perſon who is to be Saluted comes againſt you, taking care to ſtand faced directly to the Front, or that way the Soldiers face.

When the King is to be Saluted, and draws near, all the Drums beat a March, the Muſquetteers being Shouldred, and the Pikes advanced, are to reſt their Muſquets, and the Pikes to charge, that their Spears be Breſt-high, and ſo to continue till his Majeſty be paſt the Battalion.

The Officers are to Salute as before directed, but not all together; each Officer beginning his Salute when the King is three or four paces Diſtant

ſtant, that he may return his Pike and Salute with his Hat in time, as before expreſſed.

But the Enſigns being placed together, are to Salute all together, laying down their Colours, and ſtanding with their Hats in their left hands, are ſo to continue till the King be clear of them; and then having put their Hats on, are to raiſe their Colours all together, and to return to their former poſture.

The Serjeants are to ſtand with their Halberts at Order, and to Salute onely with their Hats off, hanging them on their Halberts.

When the King paſſeth into the Rear of the Battalion, no Officers nor Colours muſt move from their Poſts, nor Salute, the Serjeants only placing themſelves in the Rear, the Officers and Soldiers facing to the Rear, and the Muſquetteers reſted, and Pikes charged as before.

If you Salute any other Perſon of the Royal Family, the Officers Salute as before; but the Enſigns onely make a weſte with their Colours, and ſo return them as before, the Pikes being advanced, and Muſquetteers reſted.

If you Salute the General, Leiutenant General, or your Lord Leiutenant, the Colonel, Leiutenant Colonel, nor the Colors muſt not Salute onely with their Hats, the other Officers as before, the Soldiers their Pikes advanced, and Muſquets reſted.

No Person is to be Saluted onely in the Front, though they pass into the Rear of the Battalion, the Officers are to keep their Posts, both Officers and Soldiers, facing to the Rear, the Soldiers performing the same postures as to the Front, onely the Serjeants in the Rear may Salute with their Hats.

No Soldier must offer to Bow or Move his Hat in any Salute.

The Battalion being to Exercise, the Colonel during the time of Exercise, is to be in the head of the Battalion; the Leiutenant Colonel and other Officers at the first beat of Drum, face to the right about, and at the second notice by the beat of Drum advance their Arms and March through the Battalion, placing themselves in the Rear, in the same order they were in the Front, the Leiutenant Colonel placing himself in the Rear of the Captains; the Officers are to continue thus during the Exercise.

At the same time the Serjeants and Drums are to March from the Flanks into the Rear, and place themselves on the same line with the Serjeants that were in the Rear, the Drums on the right and left of them, the Drums that were placed betwixt the Colours, and the Pikes, are to move also into the Rear, and place themselves in the same manner.

The Major, Aid-Major or Adjutant, who is to take care that all be at their due Posts, may place himself betwixt the Colonel and the head of the

the Battalion, that he may be ready to receive ſuch orders as may be appointed.

If the Exerciſe is to be directed by beat of Drum, the Drums that were in the Center of the Pikes, may be poſted behind the Major, that they may be ready againſt any ſign is given for the beat of Drum.

After the Exerciſe is ended, and notice thereof given by beat of Drum, the Officers advance their Arms and march through the Battalion, placing themſelves in their former Poſts; as alſo the Serjeants and Drums place themſelves on the Wings as before.

Thus much of a Battalion in Line or Exerciſe, and the poſting the Officers and Salutes ſtanding.

Of a Battalion Marching, the poſting the Officers, and of Salutes Marching.

IF the Battalion be to March in three Diviſions, two of Muſquetteers, and one of Pikes, one half of the Captains at the Head of the right Diviſion of Muſquetteers, the other half in the rear of the left Diviſion of Muſquetteers; one half of the Leiutenants at the head of the left Diviſion of Muſquetteers, the other half in the rear of the right Diviſion of Muſquetteers: the Colours are to march at the head of the Pikes.

The Serjeants are to march with their Halberts shouldred, the Butt-end upwards, and to March on the Flanks, observing that the Soldiers keep their Ranks and Files straight and even, and that they keep their Distance of nine Foot in Ranks, and their Sub-Divisions at twice that Distance, taking care in wheeling by Ranks, to place down the Butt-end of their Halberts at the ground they are to wheel at, on the Angle of that hand they are to wheel to, there to continue till all the Division is marched, taking care the Ranks march straight to the Ground, the others wheeled on, then to wheel all together, as is shewed in Ranks wheeling.

The Drums are to be equally Divided to each Division, and to march between the second and third Ranks.

That the Officers may not alter their places by continual moving to and fro, the Captains and Lieutenants are to remain on the Wings where their Musquetteers are, and there Post themselves according to their Commissions, the Eldest outwards, and the Youngest in the Center.

The Leiutenants are to place themselves accordingly; namely, the Lieutenants of those Captains in the Front must bring up the Front Division of Musquetteers, and the Leiutenants of those Captains in the Rear lead the rear Division of Musquetteers.

If your number of Officers be not Equivalent, or there shall be Captains wanting, you must give preference first to the Front. *Instance*

Inſtance.

Suppoſe you have an odd number, as ſeven Captains, there muſt be four in the Front and three in the Rear.

But the Leiutenants, if there be ſeven, there muſt be four to lead the rear Diviſion of Muſquetteers, and three to bring up the Front: By this Method, when you come to draw in a line, thoſe Officers that were in the rear of the Diviſions, marching through and placing themſelves in the Front juſt as they marched, the Officers will be all in there proper Poſts in a line, the Eldeſt Captain on the right and left of each Wing, their Leiutenants inwards placed accordingly, the Colours in the ſame method in the Center of the Battalion.

In all Marching.

The Colonel, Leiutenant Colonel, and all other Officers muſt have their Pikes Comported, not drooping the Spears too much, but keep them ſteddy without much ſwinging there hands.

Of Salutes Marching.

As ſoon as they are near the King or Perſon to be ſaluted, they muſt ſhoulder their Pikes: the Colonel or Commander in chief firſt Salutes, the Captains

Captains next, but do not begin to Salute before the firſt Officer hath ended his Salute.

The Officers in a Rank muſt Salute all together as one Man.

Great care muſt be taken, neither to quicken nor abate, but to march the ſame pace, and not to do the motion too quick.

Alſo, to time the Salute, ſo that their Hats may be off juſt as they come againſt the Perſon to be Saluted.

The Enſigns, if the perſon is to be Saluted with the Colours (which is expreſſed in the Salute ſtanding) muſt bring their Colours down together without waving to either hand, and ſo raiſe together without ſtanding or quickening their March.

As ſoon as the Officers have Saluted, they muſt put off their Hats and carry them in their Hands without bowing till they be paſt a convenient diſtance, then to put them on and bring their Pikes under hand as before.

The Serjeants are to March with their Halberts ſhouldred, the Butt-end upwards, and are to march by the Perſon to be Saluted with their Hats off.

This the Serjeants are to do alſo to any Perſon that comes to view the Battalion, whether the Officers Salute or no.

This is ſuppoſed to be to a Perſon in Command or Quality: none is to Salute but once to one Perſon ſtanding or marching.

No

No Serjeant or Corporal is at any time to carry or hold the Colours in the Enſigns abſence, but only a Pikeman, moſt proper the leader of the right hand file

The Officers that lead a Battalion or Company are always to march ſhouldred before a Guard, or by the head of a Battalion.

The Salute marching is almoſt the ſame way performed as the Salute ſtanding, only this is to begin from the ſhoulder, caſting back your right hand and ſtretching ſowards your left hand, raiſing the Spear to the height a Soldiers Pike is when ſhouldred, and ſo performed as the Salute ſtanding, but keeping marching and reduce again to your ſhoulder inſtead of Order.

If on the March you muſt paſs a narrow Defile, the quickeſt way to perform and draw up again, is to cauſe the Ranks to file marching. Thus,

If to the right, the right hand man paſſeth firſt, the next to him following as cloſe as may be, ſo the reſt ſucceſſively; as ſoon as that Rank is paſt, they muſt rank as they were, the reſt doing the ſame.

If you file to the left, the left hand man begins, the reſt perform the ſame to the contrary hand.

If the Ranks be great, they may perform by two or three a Breſt, beginning with their outermoſt file Leaders.

For larger Defiles, it may be done by ranking of the half Ranks, as is before ſhewed; or as the way will eaſily receive.

When

When a Body of Men is marching, and there be occaſion on a ſudden to form them into one Rank, whether it be to make a Guard, or Line a Hedge, it will be quickeſt done by wheeling, and that to either the right or left, forwards or backwards, as the Officer finds moſt Convenient.

Firſt, of wheeling Ranks forwards.

The words of Command will be

Ranks to the { Right / Left } Wheel. March.

This is to be performed as is ſhewed in Ranks wheeling to reduce.

Command.

Ranks as you were. Wheel. March.

This way of wheeling is propereſt to line a Hedge, becauſe you maintain the ground on the Flank you wheel to, as is generally uſed on that occaſion.

Note. When you give the Command,

Ranks, wheel to the right or left, It is always to wheel forwards, unleſs the word be to the contrary.

In theſe wheelings into one Rank, the Colours are to wheel in before the Ranks, the Drums and Serjeants to place themſelves on the right and left.

To

To wheel Ranks backwards is moſt proper to make a Guard, becauſe the Soldiers will cloſe to the ſides of a Street or Lane, and leave the Paſſage larger, facing towards the midſt of the way.

The Commands are.

Ranks, to the { Right / Left } Wheel backwards. March.

Which is to be performed as the other wheelings are, only the Soldiers wheel backwards as in the other wheelings forward.

The Officers, Drums and Serjeants place themſelves as before.

Reduction.

Ranks, as you were.

Wheel. March.

If you would wheel by half Ranks, theſe following Directions are to be obſerved.

The number of Men ought to be even in every Rank. But,

If there be an odd Man, the odd man muſt be allowed to the right hand in the firſt Rank, the odd man in the ſecond Rank to the left, the third to the right, the fourth to the left, and ſo on; then your Ranks when wheeled will be of an equal number.

The Command is.

By half Ranks, wheel to the right and left backwards. March.

At which Command the half Ranks wheel to the right and left outwards, marching backwards towards both Flanks, ſeparating and making two ranks in oppoſition to each other.

The Officers and Colours are to ſeparate accordingly, and to take their Poſts before the Soldiers to make a Guard.

Reduction.

Half Ranks, wheel to the Right and left inwards. March.

When a Battalion is Commanded to march by the King in Companies, the commanding Officer of each Company muſt march at the head of his Company, the Colonel included.

The Companies muſt march as they are placed in Battalion, the Company on the right marching firſt, then the next Company on the left of that Company, ſo the reſt ſucceſſively, that the Company on the left march laſt.

The Officers are to Salute marching, though they Saluted ſtanding before.

The Pikes muſt be advanced when they march by the King, or to be viewed by any other Perſon.

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The like is to be obſerved in their drawing up at all times.

When a Battalion is to march by ſingle Companies out of the Field or Place where they are drawn up, to their reſpective quarters, they muſt obſerve this Method.

The Eldeſt Company being on the right, marches firſt.

The next Eldeſt being on the left Marches next.

Then the next eldeſt Company, and ſo the reſt, that the youngeſt being in the Center are the laſt that March.

The Captains, Leiutenants and Enſigns of Foot are to wear their Gorgets when they are upon Duty or in Arms with their Companies.

When a Company Troops away, the Pikes muſt be always in the Front.

When the Drums beat a Troop, the Pikes without any Command are to advance.

Some General Directions for Orders of Battle.

THere being many various circumſtances as number of Men, Time, Situation of Place and other Accidents, which prevent a certain rule for Battle; yet ſome ſhort directions may for an Example be very proper to ſhew the nature of the thing, with which I ſhall cloſe the foot Exerciſe.

And becauſe I would be as particular as I can, I ſhall confine my ſelf within the compaſs of one Battalion.

Firſt, command Silence, which muſt be well obſerved.

The Files muſt be at three foot diſtance, and the Ranks at four or five, that the Soldiers may have room to load and fire with eaſe, if occaſion be, as they march.

They muſt march ſlowly obſerving the right, and preſerving the Intervals, which muſt be ſixty Paces or more, if the ground will permit, that Bodies of fifty or ſixty Files may paſs through with eaſe. It having often in Battle proved very prejudicial, having not room allowed to wheel or march bodies or bring up reſerves to ſupport as occaſion requires.

None

None is to ſpeak but the Commander in chief, or the Major, or Aid Major, who is always to attend his Commands.

To a Battalion of Ten Companies, beſides the Colonel and Leiutenant Colonel, there are ſuppoſed to be eight Captains, who are to be poſted thus.

The Colonel, Leiutenat Colonel, and the fifth Captain at the head of the Pikes.

Firſt and third Captains at the head of the right Diviſion of Shot.

Second and fourth Captains at the head of the left Diviſion of Shot.

Sixth Captain in the rear of the Pikes.

Seventh Captain in the rear of the left wing of Shot.

The Eight Captain in the rear of the right wing of Shot.

Firſt and third Leiutenants at the head of the right wing of Shot.

Second and fourth Leiutenants at the head of the left wing of Shot.

Fifth Leiutenant on the right Flank.

Sixth Leiutenant on the left Flank.

Seventh Leiutenant in the rear of the Pikes.

Eighth Leiutenant in the rear of the left wing of Shot.

Ninth Leiutenant in the rear of the right wing of Shot.

Which Method is to be obſerved by placing the eldeſt Captain in the Front, the youngeſt of which with the Colonel and Leiutenant Colonel, or in their abſence the eldeſt Captains, ſo proceeding in the rule before mentioned; the youngeſt being in the rear, unleſs it ſhall be commanded otherways by the Commander in chief.

If you advance againſt the Enemy, being out of Muſquet ſhot, the Officers at the head of the Battallion are to march in a line two paces before the Front, their Pikes comported, often looking back to ſee there be no diſorder, of which great care muſt be taken in marching againſt an Enemy.

When the Muſquetteers come within Shot and march with their Muſquets guarded, the Ranks muſt be cloſed forwards to three Foot or leſs, and the diſtance of files preſerved.

When the firſt rank is commanded to preſent or kneel, the Officers muſt all retreat into the Intervals

vals of the files, yet ſo as to ſee the right and leſe of the Battalion.

When the Muſquetteers kneel, the Officers muſt ſtoop and comport themſelves as near as they can to their method, yet ſo as to ſee all well performed, as hath been ſhewed in firing before.

The Commanders in the rear are to obſerve, That the Battalion keep marching and cloſe forwards without Noiſe or Confuſion, and to keep the Pikes even with the wings of Shot, leaſt the wings advance and form an half Moon; by which means the Pikes muſt be preſſed, and ſo fall into confuſion, which if kept up equal cannot be diſordered in the march.

Care muſt be taken to preſerve the diſtance in Ranks and files as before ſhewed.

It will be beſt for the Pikes to be Shouldred or Ported, to prevent as much as may be the Enemies ſhot from breaking them, which will be more liable to be done at advance than otherways, becauſe Shouldered or Ported, lays them much lower and more ſlanting for the Shot to glance off, if any hit them.

When an Army is drawn up, the uſual diſtance betwixt the lines is 300 paces, but thoſe things are to be uſed at Diſcretion.

The Commander in chief may be on Horſeback, the better to obſerve and give order; but coming within ſhot, and the Muſquetteers preparing to fire, muſt alight and charge the Enemy with his Pike in his hand.

Thus I have with as much brevity as I could, explained a Method for order of Battle, whereby the Reader well observing, may without much difficulty inspect into the Rule which may inform him how to perform orders of Battle with various numbers.

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THE EXERCISE OF HORSE.

THe Horſe Exerciſe as it conſiſteth of fewer words of Command than the Foot, cannot poſſibly be reduced into ſo many ſeveveral forms; therefore the alterations in their Exerciſe is, nor can be little altered, conſequently more generally known: I ſhall therefore treat as briefly of it as may be.

When a Troop or Squadron of Horſe is to Exerciſe, their Carbines and Piſtols being loaden, care being taken by the Corporals, that they be properly placed in their Ranks, and are in a readineſs: The Officer in chief commands ſilence, which muſt be well obſerved, then proceeds as followeth.

Command.

Ranks cloſe to the Crupper: at which the Ranks cloſe forwards, that their Horſes heads be advanced to the Cruppers of their Leaders.

Command.

Lay your right hands on your Swords.

Explanation.

Quit your Bridles, ſlipping the Buttons of the Reins down to the Manes, that you may be the more ready to recover them again; and turning your right hands backwards with a Compaſs, bring your right hands, placing them on the handles of your Swords, your left hands on the Scabbards.

Command.

Draw your Swords.

Explanation.

Explanation.

Perform it all together with a quick Motion, holding your Swords upright before you, that you may ſee them as it were betwixt your Horſes Ears at the ſame time, ſiezing your Bridles with your left hands.

Command.

Place your Swords in your Bridle-hands.

Explanation.

Turn the Edges of your Swords towards your left hands, and place the Blades juſt above the Hilts in your left hands, your Thumbs againſt the flat of the Blades.

Command.

Lay your hands on your Piſtols.

Explanation.

Bring your hands with a Compaſs, but without Conſtraint, your Elbows extended; take hold of your Piſtols in a full hand.

Command.

Draw your Piſtols.

Explanation.

Draw them forth all together, holding them upright, your hands even with your Girdle Places.

Command.

Cock your Piſtols.

Explanation.

Sink your Piſtols, that the Butt-ends may reſt againſt your Thighs; at the ſame time place your Thumbs on the Cocks, and draw them to a full bent.

Command.

Hold up your Piſtols.

Explanation.

Raiſe your hands even with your Foreheads, holding your Piſtols upright, quit your Cocks and place your Fore fingers before your Triggers.

Command.

Command.

Fire.

Explanation.

Draw your Triggers all together, and having fired, keep your Hands and Piſtols in the ſame Poſture.

Command.

Return your Piſtols.

Explanation.

Drop the Muzels towards your left hands, and raiſing your Elbows, turn your Muzels downwards, and place them in your Holſters as before.

The ſame command is to be uſed for the other Piſtols, which being performed,

Command,

Lay your hands on your Carbines.

Explanation.

Lay your right hands on the Stocks, graſping them faſt in a full Hand, your Thumbs over the ſtocks in the hollows thereof.

Command,

Command,

Advance your Carbines.

Explanation.

Raiſe the Barrels cloſe by your Horſes necks, advancing to that height that you place the Butt-ends of them on your thigh, the Barrels towards you.

Command.

Cock your Carbines.

Explanation.

Without moving your Carbines, lay your Thumbs on the Cocks, and draw them to a full bent.

Command.

Preſent your Carbines.

Explanation.

Quit your Cocks, and advancing your Carbines that your hands be even with your Breſts, the Barrels towards you.

Command.

Command.

Fire.

Explanation.

Draw your Triggers all together, keeping your Carbines in the ſame Poſture.

Command.

Let fall your Carbines.

Explanation.

Let your Muzels ſink forwards down by your Horſes necks, then quit your Carbines with your right hands, and let them hang down your ſides as before.

Command.

Take your Swords from your Bridle hands.

Explanation.

Place your right hands on the handles of your Swords, quitting them with your left hands, raiſing them as before.

Command.

Return your Swords.

Explanation

Explanation.

With a flouriſh to the right turn your Swords, directing the points towards the Scabbards; at the ſame time forſaking your Bridles, take your Scabbards in your left hands, put up your Swords, then ſieze your bridles with your left hands, ſitting in the former Poſture.

Command.

Rein back as you were.

Explanation.

The Soldiers are all to draw their Horſes back into their former Ground and ſtand in even ranks.

The Officers muſt take care to ſee that each Motion be performed exactly and together, therefore the words of Command muſt be given leaſurely.

When a body of Horſe is drawn up, the Commander in chief muſt be a Horſe length before the other Officers who are to be as near their Men as may be, the ſame diſtance muſt be obſerved in marching.

In wheelings it muſt be obſerved thus.

If your Command is to wheel to the right, the right hand Men keep their ground, turning their Horſe-heads to the right, whilſt the left comes about, in which motion they muſt obſerve their left hand Men.

Care

Care muſt be taken not to cloſe to the left (as was formerly practiſed) more than abſolute neceſſity requires, becauſe it is apt to put the ranks out of order.

The ſame way you may perform wheelings to the left. If you face your Horſes about, which is neceſſary to practice; it is beſt done to the left about, unleſs neceſſity requires otherways.

It may be Convenient in exerciſe to divide your Troop or Squadron into Diviſions, and let them charge each other by firing their Piſtols and claſhing their Swords, for it will much embolden their Horſes.

Alſo let them endeavour each party to break through the other, the Soldiers will know the better how to keep themſelves in order to receive or encounter an Enemy.

When two bodies of Horſe are to charge each other, it is beſt to do it with their Swords in their hands without Piſtols or Carbines.

The two chief parts of Exerciſe in a body of Horſe againſt an Enemy are Wheelings and Doublings; I ſhall treat of each of them briefly, as alſo in ſome general rules explain the way to form a body on ſeveral occaſions.

If you are in danger of being attacked by an Enemy in the Front or Rear, you may order ſmall Parties to be advanced as Forelorns, or be placed in the rear as Reſerves; they may be alſo very uſefull to ſecure the flanks if occaſion be, marching them at a convenient diſtance that your body may be

be clear, and they are in a readier Posture to wheel to defend any part where most occasion may require.

These Parties may be by files from the flanks at the Officers discretion.

But if it be thought not Convenient to lessen the Front, it may be performed by the Rear-ranks doubling, which will first inlarge the front, and then they may be detached as occasion requires, or if you are in danger to be outwinged by the Enemy, you may keep them together.

The way for the Rear-rank to double the Front, is to be performed to the right or left, or right and left, thus.

Suppose your Rear-rank is to double the Front upon the right.

Command.

Rear-rank to the right hand double the Front, at which word the rank in the Rear turn to the right and March, then turn to the left, placing themselves thus: The right hand man of the Rank placing himself in the Front, on the right of the right hand Man, the next Soldier placing himself in the rear of him, the third on the right of the first, the fourth in the rear of him, and so the rest; thus they will be two deep as the rest of the body.

To reduce them.

Command.

Ranks as you were.

Here it must be observed, those that concluded the Motion, must march again first, by which they will attain their former Ground.

The same Method may be used to the left, or by Division, giving the Command accordingly.

The same may be performed to the Rear, facing the body about, which then makes it a Front accidental.

Also to the right or left wing, wheeling your body to the right or left, makes them Fronts accidental.

The body being thus disposed, you may detach as beforesaid for Forlorns or Reserves, by larger or smaller Parties, or more or less of them or to such distance as may be necessary; in these Cases discretion must be the Commanders Guide.

These parties may also be very useful in the passing a Bridge to divert an Enemy while the body can come up, or prevent a sudden onset in a strait place, being capable to discover, if any surprise be designed by the Enemy, before they are too far advanced, and can give notice by firing a Pistol to cause a Halt, and retreat to their main body with ease and safety.

Also to secure the rear till they be all passed and then to follow them, for small bodies can be quicker in Motion and March, than large Squadrons can.

But if you are passing a Street or Lane, and the Enemies foot are possess'd thereof, and you intend to force your way, you command three or four files, or what you think necessary, from the right and left to file off on both sides and march in two files towards the Enemy, and after the body have received the Enemies Shot, let those files rank inwards and charge the Enemy, being seconded by the main body.

If you are marching through a Street or Lane, where the King or General is to pass, you command thus:

To the right and left hand file: at which word the Ranks file to the right and left outwards Marching, so become two files; but if the Ranks are so large that there be not room to receive the others in the Intervals, they must keep two abrest or more on the right and left, the others placing themselves behind them in the like numbers successively.

To Reduce them.

Command.

Ranks as you were.

By what is here briefly hinted at may be observed, the Method of all Exercise or Service for Horse, so far as may reasonably be explained, especially in so small a Tract.

FINIS.